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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

East Timor

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	4196th meeting (closed)	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	14th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Lebanon

Norway

(continued overleaf)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Germany

Syrian Arab Republic

Ireland

Sweden

3 p.m. 15th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Canada

Jamaica

Lithuania

Saudi Arabia

Netherlands

Algeria

Costa Rica

Romania

Jordan

Greece

Spain

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/55/1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

Twentieth Meeting

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

2. Election of the Chairman

3. Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/57)

4. Election of other officers

5. Election in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2000 (CCPR/SP/56 and Add.1-4)

6. Other matters

Note: Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are presently 144 States Parties to the Covenant, the quorum is 96 States Parties. In the past, meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 14 September 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM AND SECURITY COUNCIL EXPANSION
(at the ministerial level)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

RIO GROUP
(and the ASEAN Group)

10 a.m. - 11 a. m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

RIO GROUP
(and the European Union)

3.15 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

RIO GROUP
(and China)

5.40 p.m. - 6.10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Committee on Belize *today*, 14 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council *today*, 14 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Committee on Guyana *today*, 14 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Population Age-quakes: The Impact on Economic and Social Policy", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the NGO Committee on Ageing, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the Association of Former International Civil Servants, *today*, 14 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium. Mr. Joseph Chamie, Population Division, DESA; Ms. Leticia Shahani, Secretary-General, Nairobi Conference on Women; and Ms. Aira Paivoke, Economic and Social Affairs Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Finland, and Mr. Avraham Rabby, Economic and Social Affairs Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the United States, will be among the speakers. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 15 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 16th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Papua New Guinea

Malaysia

Portugal

Iceland

United Arab Emirates

Cuba

New Zealand

Côte d' Ivoire

3 p.m. 17th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Democratic Republic

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Solomon Islands

Islamic Republic of Iran

Uganda

Saint Lucia

Kenya

Belarus

Austria

Paraguay

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Poland

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170K; tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/55/L.1). Information on the work programme is available at the office of the Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950).

The lists of speakers for all items will be opened on Wednesday, 20 September.

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September, by consideration of agenda items 103 and 104.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1)* and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2)*; (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5*)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65).

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold informal (informal) consultations on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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The sixteenth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 18 and 19 September 2000, in Conference Room VIII.

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The 766th meeting of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to consider item 7 (Special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 September 2000.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 18 to 20 September 2000 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2000/14.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Contact Group on Sierra Leone *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Confrence Room 1.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries will hold their first Annual Ministerial Meeting on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Friday, 15 September 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Peter Hain, MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom, will speak on "The Challenges of Governance in Africa". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
2. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
3. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
4. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a briefing for diplomats and the staff in the United Nations system at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, by the Foreign Minister of Benin on the preparation for the Fourth International Conference on New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, from 4 to 6 December 2000.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

12th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add. 3) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Cape Verde had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Sam Condor, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis; H.E. Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. The Honourable Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Hamad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait; H.E. The Honourable Ralph Maraj, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Benaissa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Fernando De Trazegnies, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru; and H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia.

13th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard a statements by H.E. Mr. Tonino Picula, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Mrs. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Yohei Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Dzy Nien, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; H.E. the Honourable Billie Miller, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; H.E. Mrs. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; H.E. Mr. Niels Helveg Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Youssouf Ouédraogo, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ould Sid Ahmed, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania; and H.E. Mr. Iaia Djaló, Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Communities of Guinea-Bissau.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq, Spain and Kuwait.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

2nd meeting

Opening of the meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representative of Uganda, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis (Antigua and Barbuda) as Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the posts of the other Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/55/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/55/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee replied to questions posed to them by the representative of Morocco.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Dominican Republic, Papua New Guinea, Zambia, New Zealand and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee approved the programme of work contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1.

As regards agenda item 83, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, chaired this year by the delegation of Chile to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 83 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the relevant rules and recommendations of the General Assembly affecting the work of the Main Committees, as well as those contained in General Assembly decision 34/401.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Chairman, as contained in his note (A/C.4/55/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on agenda items 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91 and to close the list of speakers on those items at 6 p.m. on Monday, 25 September. Delegations were also informed about the deadline for submission of draft resolutions or proposals on decolonization items on Wednesday, 27 September.

The Committee also decided to hold a meeting during the week of 2 October to discuss the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions as indicated in paragraph 8 of document A/C.4/ 5/L.1.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Geneva, 22 May 1995

Acceptance: Austria (11 September 2000)*

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Signature: Paraguay (13 September 2000)

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Sudan (8 September 2000)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Russian Federation (13 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Paraguay (13 September 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Paraguay (13 September 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Paraguay (13 September 2000)

CORRIGENDUM

The entry appearing in this section on Thursday, 24 August 2000 (see Journal No. 2000/163, p.14, English and French versions), should read as follows:

International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993

Provisional application: Peru (21 August 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 14 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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